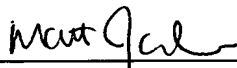


Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-10 and 17-20 (Group I) relating to a collapsible shaft, without traverse. Applicants withdraw claims 11-16 (Group II) directed to a method of making a collapsible shaft, without traverse. Applicants do so without waiver or prejudice.

Although Applicants believe that no fees are necessary for filing of this paper, please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of filing this paper to 06-1510 (Ford Global Technologies, LLC). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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